

sub 1. (Twice Amended) Elastically stretchable disposable pants having a central longitudinal axis and comprising:

a pair of elastically stretchable sheet members;
a front waist region having side edges;
a rear waist region opposed to said front waist region;
a waist-opening and a pair of leg-openings defined by bonding said front and rear waist regions at edge portions thereof to each other; and

substantially inelastic guide zones provided between said central longitudinal axis and each of said side edges of said front and rear waist regions, and extending longitudinally of said pants between a vicinity of a peripheral edge portion of said waist-opening and a vicinity of each of said leg-openings, said substantially inelastic guide zones being configured to prevent portions of the disposable pants in a vicinity of the substantially inelastic guide zones from stretching in a direction along the central longitudinal axis.

2. (Twice Amended) The pants according to Claim 1, wherein said pair of elastically stretchable sheet members comprise layers of elastically stretchable fibrous nonwoven fabric and said substantially inelastic guide zones comprise portions of said nonwoven fabric which are molten and solidified so as to have substantially no elastic stretchability.

3. (Twice Amended) The pants according to Claim 1, wherein said pair of elastically stretchable sheet members comprise layers of elastically stretchable fibrous nonwoven fabric and said substantially inelastic guide zones comprise inelastic strips of sheet material that are bonded to

B1 said nonwoven fabric so that said substantially inelastic guide zones have substantially no elastic stretchability.

B2 sub C1 5. (Twice Amended) The pants according to Claim 1, wherein said pants comprise a liquid-pervious topsheet, a liquid-impervious backsheet and a liquid-absorbent core disposed between said liquid-pervious topsheet and said liquid-impervious backsheet and extending from said front waist region to said rear waist region, and of said liquid-impervious backsheet and said liquid-pervious topsheet at least said liquid-impervious backsheet is formed from said pair of elastically stretchable sheet members.

6. (Twice Amended) The pants according to Claim 1, wherein each of said substantially inelastic guide zones is located aside toward said side edges of said front and rear waist regions.